

AMENDMENTSAmendments to the claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method of ~~treating or preventing~~ reducing cell death in a warm-blooded animal, comprising administering to said animal a therapeutically effective amount of a peptide comprising the amino acid sequence Val-Asp-Val such that cell death is reduced ~~ameliorated~~.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said peptide comprises a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 3, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 7, and SEQ ID NO: 8.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein said peptide has a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 3, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 7, and SEQ ID NO: 8.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said peptide is a cyclic peptide.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said peptide contains one or more D amino acids.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said peptide is further conjugated

to one or more polypeptides.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said peptide is conjugated to a non-peptide moiety.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein said non-peptide moiety is a sugar.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said peptide further comprises an end group cap.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein said end group cap is an ester or an amide.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said cell death is associated with a neurodegenerative disorder, cardiovascular disease, an immune disease, a neoplastic disorder, an inflammatory disorder, or a viral disease.

13-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein said cardiovascular disease is a heart attack, stroke, an acute coronary syndrome, heart failure, or hypertensive cardiovascular disease.

20-23. (Cancelled)

24. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said warm-blooded animal is a human.

25. (New) The method of claim 2, wherein said warm-blooded animal is a human.

26. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein said warm-blooded animal is a human.

27. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein said warm-blooded animal is a human.